TRANSCRIPT PREPARED BY THE CLERK OF THE LEGISLATURE Transcriber's Office FLOOR DEBATE

February 2, 2004 LB 172

discussion, Senator Schimek, followed by Senator Chambers. Senator Schimek.

SENATOR SCHIMEK: Yes, thank you, Mr. President and members. Senator Chambers, I very much appreciate your getting here this I think I would have been talking a long time this morning had you not shown up. But I think we should appreciate everybody's efforts to get here this morning because it wasn't easy. You know, I'm really sincere in my efforts here to leave at least a vestige of the original intent of the bill that was passed back in whatever year it was, I've kind of forgotten now, LB 454 (sic). I would like to have some vestige of that portion of the bill that sees that the young woman gets some information from a credible, reliable source. And I'd like to think that the amendment that I've offered here would be as good as the original legislation. I don't think it will nevertheless, it would be better than nothing. During the course of the discussion of this bill, I've kind of had a correspondence with one of my constituents, at least I think he is one of my constituents. I am not sure. But the most recent correspondence with him was on Friday, and I'd like to have you know what the gist of that correspondence was because I think it's pertinent to our discussion here. He says: I read in the paper that one of the reasons some senators think that the current law is not necessary is because the information is already available in other places, for example, on the Internet or in the yellow pages. From my perspective, that view is somewhat flawed. I'll give you an example. My two daughters like to watch the Disney Channel on TV. It's a good channel for There are advertisements on the channel for a web children. site where they can play educational games if they go on line. Information is not as easy as one or two clicks away. I did not remember what site was advertised so I searched on common terms. web sites, www.disnevplayhouse.com tried two www.playhousedisney.com. The first one resulted in a pop-up screen that had something to do with gambling. When that was closed, I was sent to a web site called <u>usseek.com</u> with 1,320,000 results on the subject I was looking for. The other one took me directly to the web site I was looking for. I have searched for other sites and not only end up on other search engines but sometimes end up on adult-oriented sites or porn